193 In morphology Finnish makes great use of different case endings and of dervation suffixes which can be affixed one after another to express different notions and modifications. Consequently, Finnish words are generally longer than English ones--but, on the other hand, the same idea can almost always be expressed in fewer
192 words in Finnish. The vocabulary is abundant, containing an especially large number of descriptive words associated with various natural phenomena.

191 Finnish was first established as a literary
197 language towards the middle of the sixteenth century by the reformer of Finland, Bishop Michael Agricola, who based the standard language on the western dialects which were spoken in the most developed section of